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AN ORDINANCE

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AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM ALLOWING CITY OF ATLANTA RESIDENTS TO QUALIFY FOR A TAX DECREASE FOR ONE TO FIVE PERCENT FOR THE PLANTING OF MATURE SHADE TREES IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA; TO PROVIDE A PROCESS OF APPROVAL BY THE ARBORIST OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA BEFORE THE PLANTING OF TREES TO QUALIFY FOR THE BENEFIT; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Atlanta is concerned about the number of mature trees that have been lost due to increasing development within the City; and

WHEREAS, the maintaining and promoting a healthy ecosystem is of concern to the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to encourage citizens and businesses to direct their efforts to assist in the planting of trees within the City of Atlanta.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

**SECTION 1.**

That the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances be amended to allow for a City of Atlanta tax decrease of one to five percent (1-5%) for the planting of mature shade trees in the City of Atlanta and to provide for a process of approval by the Arborist of the City of Atlanta before the planting of trees to qualify for the benefit.

**SECTION 2.**

To provide that any trees planted shall be shade trees of at least 40 feet or higher or as recommended and approved by the City of Atlanta Arborist and to provide that each tree planted must be at least twenty-five (25) feet from any other trade tree.

**SECTION 3.**

To provide that such tax decrease is only applicable to City of Atlanta taxes and can be granted only one time to a City of Atlanta resident or corporation.

**SECTION 4.**

To provide that such this tax decrease will be granted as followed:

One (1%) percent tax decrease – two trees planted as approved by the City Arborist

Two (2%) percent tax decrease – three to five trees planted as approved by the City Arborist

Three (3%) percent tax decrease – five to seven trees planted as approved by the City Arborist

Four (4%) percent tax decrease – eight to nine trees planted as approved by the City Arborist

Five (5%) percent tax decrease – ten or more trees planted as approved by the City Arborist

**SECTION 5.**

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.